

MUST GET ASSURANCES

That Russia Really Means Business.

BEFORE TERMS ARE GIVEN

Japanese Embassy At London Gives Out Statement Today to That Effect No Objection to Our Acting "As a Buffer."

London, June 8.—Secretary Kaike, speaking for Japanese ambassador Hayashi, said to the Publishers Press correspondent today:

"The statement that Russia is desirous of learning our terms of peace is perhaps true, but that does not mean that the end of the war is in sight. The way to learn our terms is not through an intermediary but by direct appeal from St. Petersburg to Tokio. We have no objections to America's acting as a buffer for Russian pride, but our terms will not be enunciated until we have direct assurance that the request comes from St. Petersburg and not simply on behalf of friendly countries, acting unofficially.

"What our terms are nobody knows. They have not been formulated, but when they are drawn up it will be for Russia to accept or reject them. Our army is in a better position now than ever before to deliver a decisive blow on land, which will soon fall unless Russia means business on the peace question, and is not all a campaign of procrastination."

"TOO IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS."

Says French Ambassador After Conference With President Roosevelt.

Washington, June 8.—French Ambassador Jusserand had a long conference with the president this morning, and at its conclusion told the reporters that the subject of his call was too important for him to discuss.

Asked whether Russia had requested peace terms from Japan, he replied: "I can say nothing. You should ask the czar."

FRIENDLY CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION

Is Said to Be President's Position in Proposed Preliminary Negotiations for Peace in the Far East.

Washington, June 8.—Preliminary peace negotiations between Russia and Japan are generally believed to be under way and it is conceded that President Roosevelt in all probability will act not as a mediator, but as "the friendly channel of communication." There is as yet no official admission that Russia has accepted what Count Cassini in his cablegram to Count Lamsdorff last week described as "the offer of good will of the president," although instructions to the ambassador are believed to have reached here last night in a long cablegram which reached the Russian embassy quite late and was laid before the ambassador after he had started to retire. After reading the despatch the ambassador retired for the night at an hour earlier than usual. All that can be authoritatively said regarding this cablegram is that it concerned Count Cassini's cablegram of last week.

Immediately upon his return to his legation last night after a long conference with the president, Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, began the preparation of a despatch to his government upon which he was occupied until quite late. The situation is too delicate in this moment to say anything, remarked the minister. It can be stated that the president through Mr. Takahira is endeavoring to get some definite idea regarding Japan's peace terms. Mr. Takahira is giving him all the assistance that he can, but the most he can do is to inform his government of the president's wishes and to emphasize his personal conviction that the president can be trusted absolutely to guard Japan's legitimate interests. Indeed, a fortunate phase of the present situation is that both Mr. Takahira and Count Cassini are personally convinced of the president's absolute impartiality and sincerity of purpose in the delicate undertaking which he has shouldered.

SITUATION IS DELICATE.

Acknowledged in St. Petersburg That Peace Prospects Are Better.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—With Ambassador Meyer's delivery to the Emperor yesterday afternoon of President Roosevelt's message tendering his good offices, the prospect of the President's efforts to bring the belligerents together in peace negotiations is believed to be distinctly brighter.

The center of interest is again transferred back to Washington. Count Cassini has doubtless received instructions

from the Emperor. However, it will probably require some little time to finally decide whether success shall crown the President's efforts to end the war.

The fact of Ambassador Meyer's visit to Tsar Nicholas is thus far known only in the higher official circles, many diplomats even being entirely unaware of this important event; but where it is known it has created intense interest.

In the meantime there is not the slightest surface indication of any change in the situation regarding the continuation of the war.

Preparations to send additional troops to the front continue. A further mobilization in the province of Moscow is announced.

NO PEACE YET.

Report From Vienna Says Czar Is Still Warlike.

Vienna, June 8.—It was learned here last night that the Russian government has informed its diplomatic representatives abroad, including Count Cassini, the ambassador at Washington, that the time for Russia to conclude peace has not yet come, and that when it does arrive, Russia will open peace negotiations with Japan independent of foreign intervention.

TO STAY AT MANILA.

Real Admiral Enquist Gets Instructions from the Czar.

Manila, June 8.—Read Admiral Enquist received at one o'clock this morning the following cable despatch from St. Petersburg:

"Remain at Manila at the disposition of the American government. Effect repairs as much as possible. (Signed) "Nicholai."

Governor General Wright has requested Rear Admiral Train to arrange for the disposition of the Russian warships and their officers and crews.

IMPORTANT CHANGES.

Radical Departures in Management of the Equitable Company.

New York, June 8.—Resolutions suggesting radical reforms in the management of the Equitable Life Assurance society were adopted at yesterday's meeting of the directors. These affect all the high officials and presage a sweeping curtailment of the society's general expenses. The resolutions also imply many important changes in the financial policy of the society.

The essential features of the formal statement issued at the adjournment follows:

"A resolution was passed requesting the committee to report their nomination for chairman of the board to the board of directors at an adjourned meeting to be held at one o'clock on Friday next, and it was resolved, that if the nominating committee failed to make such nominations, nominations would be invited from members of the board at that meeting.

"Further resolutions were passed for the reorganization of the executive committee, with the president, the vice president (Hyde) and controller as ex-officio members and four directors who are not officers.

"The resolution was passed that the salaries of the executive officers should be reduced to correspond with those paid by other insurance, banking and trust corporations, the amounts to be hereafter determined upon.

"A further resolution was passed to reduce the general expenses of the society.

"It was also resolved that no advances to agents or other agency expenditures should be made without the approval of the executive committee, also that all investments made by the executive committee be made subject to the approval of the board and that amounts of deposits uniformly carried in banks and trust companies should be reduced to working balances and the residue invested in approved securities."

BACK TO FIRST STORY.

Tobine Says Mrs. Braley Killed Boy in Passion.

Grafton, June 8.—The arrest of J. Frank Tobine of this town, who is now in jail at Haverhill, he being unable to furnish the bonds imposed by Justice Smith to keep the peace for a year, will, it is believed by the county officials, aid materially in ferreting out the disappearance of Elwyn Braley. Tobine's actions, his talk and general nervousness since his arrest are responsible for the high hopes entertained by the authorities.

Tobine's actions since his incarceration in the jail lead the officials to believe that he knows more about the disappearance of the child than he cares to tell. The peculiar fact is that while he first told Deputy Sheriff Murray and Detective Hildreth that Mrs. Braley killed the child and afterward denied the story when confronted by the woman, he still sticks to his former story that Mrs. Braley killed the boy in a fit of passion. This statement Tobine made on his way to jail. When asked why he denied it in the presence of Mrs. Braley he replied to Deputy Sheriff Murray: "You and Hildreth seemed to want me to deny it, and that is why I did it, but you will find when this matter is sifted to the bottom that the boy was killed by Mrs. Braley."

CONFESSED EMBEZZLING.

Government Agent Says He Has Stolen \$46,000 in Five Years.

Washington, June 8.—William W. Karr, the accountant of the Smithsonian Institution, and disbursing agent for the government bureaus under it, was arrested here yesterday on the charge of embezzlement, which, according to his own confession, aggregates \$46,000. His stealings he confessed, have been going on for the past five years.

New Speaker, House of Commons.

London, June 8.—The house of commons today elected James Lowther as speaker.

SUBMARINE THEIR COFFIN

Fourteen Men Drowned Today Off Plymouth, Eng.

THEIR VESSEL WAS SUNK

Three Explosions Occurred, and Only Four of Crew of 18 Escaped Death—Divers Are at Work on the Sunken Vessel.

Plymouth, England, June 8.—While the submarine A-8 was maneuvering off this port today, three explosions occurred, and the boat sank. Eighteen men were aboard, and only four escaped, the other fourteen being drowned. Divers are now at work on the sunken vessel.

TERRIBLY BURNED.

Flesh Pealed from Body of Pittsfield, N. H., Woman.

Pittsfield, N. H., June 8.—Mrs. Martha Marston, aged 70 years, was so seriously burned at her home in North Chichester at noon yesterday, that the physicians say she cannot live.

Mrs. Marston has been conscious only at intervals since the accident, and it is not definitely known how it happened, but it is stated that Mrs. Marston, who lived alone, was preparing her dinner, when some fat on the stove caught fire, and in attempting to extinguish its blaze, her clothing ignited.

Although her clothing was burning fiercely she ran into the pantry adjoining the kitchen to get some water to put out the flames, and in so doing set the woodwork in the pantry on fire. She screamed loudly for help but her cries were not heard, and the first the neighbors knew anything was wrong, was when they discovered the smoke issuing from the windows in the rear of the house.

Mrs. Mary Brown, a neighbor, was the first on the scene, and she found Mrs. Marston lying on the pantry floor with her clothing burning so fiercely that it resembled a raging furnace. Mrs. Brown caught up an old coat, and wrapped it around Mrs. Marston, partially subduing the fire, and at the same time screamed loudly for assistance.

By this time other neighbors had arrived who put out the fire, but not until Mrs. Marston's clothes were entirely burned from her body and considerable damage was done to the pantry and woodshed.

CROP OF RUMORS.

Follow Postponement of Start of Second Squadron for France.

New York, June 8.—The indefinite postponement of the start of the second squadron of the North Atlantic fleet has given rise to no end of rumors. The squadron was to have sailed this morning for France to bring home the body of John Paul Jones. Reports are current that "grave foreign complications have arisen." One of these complications has to do with the discovery that Germany has secured a strategic base off the island of St. Thomas. The trouble in the far east over the internment of Russian vessels at Manila is also given as a cause of the postponement.

Admiral Sigbee who is in command of the squadron is still in Washington.

KILLED BY WIFE.

Drunken Cabinet-Maker of New York Stabbed in Heart.

New York, June 8.—Henry Wagner, a cabinet maker aged 26, was stabbed to death at his home in Central avenue, Brooklyn, last night, by his wife, Margaret, who immediately surrendered herself to officers and is under arrest.

The woman says she and her three-year-old child were alone when her husband came home, he having been drinking. He is said to have attacked the woman, who, seizing a carving knife, stabbed him in the left breast. The knife penetrated the heart and Wagner was dead before physicians could be summoned.

A MONTREAL FIRE.

Beautiful Y. M. C. A. Building Badly Damaged This Morning.

Montreal, June 8.—Fire this morning partially destroyed the beautiful Y. M. C. A. building on Dominion Square. The gymnasium and the lecture hall were the most severely damaged.

SIX BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

Among Them St. Thomas Catholic Church in West Springfield.

Springfield, Mass., June 8.—St. Thomas' Catholic church in West Springfield, was destroyed by fire this morning. The rectory and four adjoining buildings were also destroyed.

SIXTEEN INJURED.

Mine Explosion Near Halifax Today Caused Injury to Sixteen.

Halifax, N. S., June 8.—An explosion occurred in the Inverness coal mine this morning, and sixteen miners were injured.

THE ATTEMPT HAS FAILED

Five Hour Conference at Chicago Comes to Naught.

EMPLOYERS REFUSED

Proposition Presented by the Strikers, Chief of Which Was That Police and Sheriffs Be Withdrawn.

Chicago, June 8.—After a conference lasting five hours, between the employers' association and committee appointed by the Teamsters' Joint Council, with full power to settle the strike, all negotiations were declared off last night and there is no probability of a settlement. The union submitted a number of proposals which the employers flatly refused to consider at all. Chief among these was that if the strike was declared off all of the police and deputy sheriffs who are now protecting non-union men should be withdrawn.

The teamsters also demanded that if the strike be called off the business houses refuse to receive from or deliver to the express companies any merchandise. This proposal also was promptly declined by the employers.

There were a small number of riots in which several union and non-union men were hurt yesterday, but nobody was severely injured.

GRADUATION OF NURSES.

Nine Men and Women Complete Course at Waterbury Asylum.

Waterbury, June 8.—The annual commencement exercises of the training school for nurses at the state hospital for the insane were held at that institution yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The hall in the administration building was filled with a large audience of the relatives and friends of the graduating class and those interested in the training school. The trustees, the Hon. George W. Wing of Montpelier, the supervisors, Dr. F. E. Steele, Montpelier, G. S. Foster, Putney, L. M. Greene, Bethel, besides other state officers, and physicians, were present. The Wilder orchestra of Montpelier furnished music.

At the close of the exercises Hon. George W. Wing presented diplomas to the graduating class as follows: Misses Mary Florence Arley, Abbie Bell Avery, Fannie May Bowler, Hannah Violetta Buck, Lena Idella LaDue, Agnes Laurette Simont; Frank Henry Glover, John Douglas McBride, Edward Elbridge Mansfield.

The board of faculty of the training school comprises: Superintendent, Marcello Hutchinson, M. D.; instructor, Eleanor Stalker, superintendent of nurses; lecturers and subjects, Clayton G. Andrews, assistant physician, hygiene and obstetrics; Waldo J. Upton, M. D., assistant physician, materia medica; Watson L. Wasson, M. D., assistant physician and pathologist, physiology; Hermon D. Bone, M. D., junior assistant physician and laboratory assistant, anatomy.

A concert by the orchestra and a dance was held last evening to conclude the commencement week festivities.

SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION.

Vermont Eastern Star Delegates Leave Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, June 8.—The 33rd annual convention of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Vermont closed last night with the installation of officers. The gathering has been one of the most successful in the history of the order. The elective officers are as follows: Grand patron, Dr. E. G. Pettie of Brattleboro; grand matron, Mrs. Willis E. Griswold of Springfield; associate grand patron, Dr. G. H. Gorham of Bellows Falls; associate grand matron, Mrs. Lillian C. Chase of East Fletcher; grand secretary, H. L. Stillson of Bennington; grand treasurer, Mrs. Etta Fairman of Windsor; grand conductress, Mrs. Jessie L. Bigwood of Burlington; associate grand conductress, Mrs. G. F. Leland of Springfield; grand warder, Mrs. Christina Borland of St. Johnsbury.

The condition of the grand chapter, as shown by the advance report of the secretary, Henry L. Stillson of Bennington, is as follows: Numbers of chapters, 54; number of members, 4,624; gain during the year, one chapter and 493 members. The largest gain in 1913 chapters of Rutland, which initiated 38 persons. The statement of the general fund shows a balance of \$3,007, and there is \$1,585 in the Masonic home fund.

AFTER ALLEGED EMBEZZLER.

G. Glenn of Philadelphia Charged With Stealing \$12,000.

Philadelphia, June 8.—A warrant has been sworn out for G. Glenn, many years cashier of the Postal Telegraph company. He is charged with embezzling \$12,000. He is a fugitive from justice and a warrant has been offered for his arrest.

Notice to Advertisers.

In accord with the custom in past years, the Times will issue at noon on Saturdays in June, July, August and September. Advertisers to secure changes in their Saturday Times should be sure and hand them in Friday afternoon.

ANNA GERTRUDE HUTCHINS.

Montpelier Young Lady and Musician of Ability Died This Morning.

Anna Gertrude Hutchins, a well-known Montpelier young lady and a musician of considerable promise, died at 9:45 this morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred J. Robair, on Barre street in Montpelier, the cause of death being tuberculosis with which she had suffered about a year. Last August Miss Hutchins was compelled to return from Franconia Inn, White Mountains, where she was playing the piano with the hotel orchestra. A cold developed into grip. At the time she came back to Montpelier she was very ill, tuberculosis having developed from the grip. For a time there was a gain, but for several weeks her health failed rapidly. Last night she had a sinking spell, and her sister, Mrs. Robair, was hastily summoned from Williamstown, where she had gone for a visit.

The deceased was born in Montpelier twenty years ago, graduated from Montpelier high school in 1903, and was a pupil in music under George H. Wilder. Miss Hutchins frequently played with Wilder's orchestra. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hutchins, live in Montpelier. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The Rev. G. C. Lamson will officiate and the interment will be in Green Mount cemetery.

ENTERTAINED VISITORS.

Montpelier Lodge, N. E. O. P., With Barre Lodge Last Evening.

Barre Lodge, New England Order of Protection, entertained a considerable number of the members of Stannard Lodge of Montpelier last evening. The degree team did excellent work in conferring the degree upon four candidates, and several applications for membership were received. Following the business an enjoyable programme was given, consisting of a piano duet by Miss Ella Batchelder and Bessie Spear, a reading by Dr. E. M. Lynde and a vocal solo by Mrs. Richard Bradley. One of the visiting members, Merrill Russell, was called upon. He responded with brief remarks.

In the banquet hall ice cream and cake were served, and the evening was concluded at a late hour, all expressing great pleasure at the enjoyableness of the occasion.

NORTHFIELD'S WATER SYSTEM.

Over 40 Bids Were Opened Yesterday Afternoon.

Northfield, June 8.—Yesterday was a busy day for the water commissioners. The bids were opened at one o'clock in the rooms of the Northfield National bank at which time there were over 40 bids opened and read. About 30 of the houses presenting bids were represented. The commissioners are still at work on the contracts and will not be able to give out any information yet as to the successful applicants. E. E. Fuller of Boston, the engineer who laid out the water system last year, is here working with the commissioners. The first work to be done is to build the reservoir which will be located about a half mile directly east of the village. It is to be a circular reservoir 44 feet in diameter and 20 feet deep, to be covered and built of concrete with a capacity at high water mark of 227,400 gallons. Though unable to give out anything exact the commissioners stated the bids all ran very low.

TWO BOYS ESCAPE.

Winslow Prevost of Montpelier Leaves Industrial School.

Vergennes, June 8.—Two boys made their escape from the industrial school here about 11:30 last night. They got out of the sleeping hall and made their way from the building off the roof. It is the second attempt on the part of one to escape, Winslow Prevost of Montpelier.

He is 15 years old, about five feet tall, has black hair and eyes. His complexion is very dark and he has a stiff middle finger on one hand.

The other boy is Leon Drowns, committed to the school from Rutland, but his parents now live on Battery street in Burlington. He is 14 years old, dark complexioned, has dark hair and blue eyes. He has a small scar on his chin. He is of stout build and about five feet tall.

Both boys have their hair cut short and are supposed to have on the uniform worn at the school.

7 MILES IN TWO HOURS.

Norwich Cadets Do a Foot Stunt in Good Time.

Northfield, June 8.—Word has been received by Prof. Woodbury, who is acting as correspondent for the corps of Norwich cadets, while on the march that they reached Roxbury at 3:15, two hours after leaving here, a distance of seven miles. Camp was pitched on the depot square and after company drill had a bountiful supper of beefsteak, potatoes, bread and coffee. They left yesterday morning for Warren at seven o'clock, a distance of 12 miles. The town team of Warren will play ball with a team from the corps before leaving there.

RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Will Hold Two Hearings in Montpelier Next Wednesday.

Montpelier, June 8.—The railroad commissioners will hold two investigations at the State House Wednesday, June 14, on fatalities that have occurred in this city and vicinity. The matter of Albert Perea, who was killed at the Granite street crossing on Thursday, will be looked into and also the death of Martin Flint of Braintree, the peddler, killed at West Berlin crossing May 15.

ELEVEN MEN DISCHARGED

Out of Seventeen Old Employees at State Prison.

SAYS ONE OF THE FORMER

H. E. Craven, Who Goes to Work in Montpelier, Has Little Good to Say of Superintendent W. S. Lovell.

H. E. Craven, who up to Saturday was steward at the state prison at Windsor, has been engaged in the bake-shop of C. H. Cross & Son of Montpelier. Mr. Craven, in the course of an interview, tells considerable of the inside workings of the state prison. That he is friendly to the former superintendent, E. W. Oakes he is free to admit. The new superintendent, A. S. Lovell, discharged him last week after Mr. Craven had been employed at the prison for eleven years.

Mr. Craven said that he is the fourteenth man to be discharged since Supt. Oakes finished and Supt. Lovell took charge of the institution. That leaves but three of the seventeen men who were employed at the prison under Oakes. The reasons for the dismissal, declares Craven, have not always been given, but in some instances Supt. Lovell said he was doing it for the good of the service. In most cases no reason for the discharge was given. Craven expressed it, that it looked to him as if the superintendent is remembering his friends, going of the principle that "to the victors belong the spoils." He says that the old employees have been censured.

The charges against the three former employees, Sanderson, McCormick and Hanson, are trumped up for a purpose, says Craven, the charges being that the men as attendants furnished food, opium and morphine to the inmates. He maintains that he grows the men well enough to know that they are not guilty of furnishing opium or morphine, although it is possible may at some time have furnished food without permission.

Against the new superintendent Craven declares that he has nothing. For the former man in charge, E. W. Oakes, he has great sympathy. In fact, he says he is an Oakes man. He thinks that time will show Oakes did what was right, and that if he erred it was toward economy rather than extravagance.

Craven is a brother of E. E. Craven, the Montpelier granite dealer.

WORK RESUMED.

City Council Meets to Straighten Out Washington Street Sidewalk Trouble.

A special meeting of the city council was held last evening to straighten out the hitch in the work of reconstructing the Washington street sidewalk, where the men who were trimming the curbing preparatory to setting quit work on Tuesday because their wages were not forthcoming. Mr. Beede has the contract for supplying the curbing and he made arrangements with E. C. French to do the trimming. Mr. French engaged the men to do the work, but wouldn't pay them. To have the work proceed the council met and ordered a warrant for \$70 paid to Mr. Beede for work done. This is expected to find its way to the workmen and the work of constructing the sidewalk continued.

A warrant for \$500, in favor of the overseer of the poor, was ordered paid and the council adjourned.

HAD BETTER CHANCE.

C. A. Smith Thinks Assessors Were Better Prepared This Year.

Editor Times: The very complimentary allusion to the work of the assessors in the Times editorial of yesterday, is unintentionally, we believe, misleading in its statement of the time occupied in the work of the season, and so unfair is the comparison with that of former boards. The facts are that the grand list of this year was completed earlier than in the past for two reasons—first, that the assessors were engaged for six or eight days in March upon clerical work which had always been very tiresome and trying when done in connection with the other work, as in the past, and in arranging a programme of work and other details which prepared the way for a more prompt and effective prosecution of it later on. Second, because by the method of making up to abstract and grand list in one book as provided by the addition to the charter secured at the last session of the legislature, nearly one-half of the clerical work upon the books is done away with, and more time made available for the revision and correction of the work.

CHARLES A. SMITH.

MRS. L. E. WILLEY.

Died Yesterday Afternoon After Two Years' Illness.

Mrs. L. E. Willey died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her late home on Spaulding street after a two years' illness with a cancer. Her maiden name was Eloise Scott. She was born in Brownington, Vt., 8 years ago. She leaves besides her husband, two children, Forest and Freda, also four brothers and four sisters.

The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the house. Rev. R. F. Lowe will officiate. The burial will be in Wilson cemetery.